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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISAS

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- 1. WHEN AN EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS AN ORAL AGREEMENT, AS DIRECTED IN PARA 4, REF B, HE WAS HANDED A NOTE IN WHICH THE GOP AGREED TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC VISAS TO THE DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT.
- 2. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE MFA'S NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) HAVING IN MIND THE PRESENT STATUS OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THEIR FURTHER DEVELOMENT AND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DECISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA PROCEDURES, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO ISSUE, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS, TO EMPLOYEES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES, AS WELL AS TO MEMBERS OF PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS).

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THE POLISH GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT THIS PRACTICE BECOME EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF A NOTE CONFIRMING ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) UNQUOTE.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL DELETE MENTION OF THIS SUBJECT FROM ITS

PROPOSED AIDE MEMOIRE (REF A AND TRANSMIT INSTEAD THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE: QUOTE (EXCOMPLIMENTARY OPENING) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN ACCEPTS THE MINISTRY'S SUGGESTION AND IS PREPARED TO ISSUE, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD, DEPENDING ON THE DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 48 MONTHS, TO EMPLOYEES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES AND MEMBEERS OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS ALSO PREPARED TO ISSUE MULTIPLE-ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS, ON THE SAME TERMS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, TO ACCREDITED OFFICIALS PROCEEDING IN IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AGREES THAT THE PROCEDURES DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR EMPLOYEES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES AND MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE THE MINISTRY RECEIVES THIS NOTE. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE ABOVE TRANSIT VISA PROCEDURES SET FORTH ABOVE, BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE THE EMBASSY RECEIVES A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY CONFIRMING THEIR ACCEPTANCE. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) UNQUOTE.

4. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WILL DELIVER BOTH THE NOTE AND THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON APRIL 19. DAVIES

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